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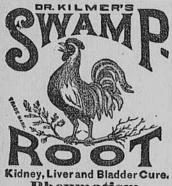
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A Big Costume Ball in St. Augustine to Raise the Necessary Funds— How the Old Place Looks—Jackson's Tomb.

N a recent evening a grand costume ball was given at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, at St. Augustine, Fla. It was under the auspices of the Ladies' Hermitage Association, of Nashville Tenn., and the proceeds will go toward buying the Hermitage, the home of General Andrew Jackson, and preserving it together with Jackson, and preserving it, together with the rare relics it contains, as a national

When energetic and patriotic Southern women formed this association two years ago they found ruin and decay everywhere prevalent upon this noble estate. The little log cabin where "Old Hickory" lived for fifteen years was a complete wreck. "The chimney was falling down and the roof was caving." complete wreck. "The chimney was falling down and the roof was caving in." Up at the brave old mausion matters were not much better.



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and pecling. Outbuildings were tottering, fences were down and the melancholy of ruin was fast settling over the entire place.

Since the Hermitage and grounds passed in the hands of the association, numerous repairs have been made. The mansion has been roofed, plastering has been repaired, and the paper which General Jackson brought from Paris, and which represents a highly colored chain of events in the life of Telemachus, has been restored. Fences, drives, out-

The sections JACKSON'S TOMB. ball. One room was see apare to that purpose, and books, furniture, silver, snuff-boxes, swords and valuable papers were shown. The chair which Lafayette gave the General a short time

as a wedding gown by the daughter as granddaughter of the original wearer.

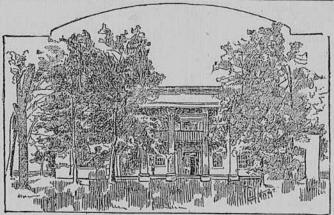
Very many of the relics at the Hermi-

Lafayette gave the General a short time before his death had a place of honor. The candle found in Cornwallis's tent after the surrender at Yorktown and sent to General Jackson with the request that he light it on each recurring 8th of January, was also on exhibition. Mrs. Harrison was asked to be present and light the candle, but as it was not possible to accept the invitation, the President's wife delegated Mrs. John G. Christopher, of Jacksonville, her proxy for this interesting task.

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The family coach, made from wood taken from the old ship Constitution, was also transported to St. Augustine for this memorable occasion. A band of colored musicians who played the old plantation airs, alternated with the other music furnished for the ball. The ball-room was decorated with magnolias, palmettoes, red, white and blue streamers, and at one end was a model of the old Hermitage in sugar cane.

It is to be londly hoped that the struggle which a few gentlewomen have made for the preservation of this historic home for the benofit of the entire country will not have been in vain. The vandalism of greed has swept away many precious old landmarks. Time and again has calightened indignation inter-



buildings have been put in first-class shape, and the old log cabin has been fully restored, even to the kitchen fire-place, before which "Uncle Alf," the ancient body servant of the General, still sits, and gazing in the coals lives over past, seeing there again the grandeur, the festivities and the hospitality of the old

nausion.

The Hermitage is a fine specimen of the Coristhian style of architecture, at one time so popular through the South. The approach to the massion through a The approach to the mansion through a long avenue bordered by dense pines is indescribably picturesque. Its noble pillars and broad porticoes are brushed by the branches of grand old trees. The Southern sunshine flickers across the lawn and touches the grim old house with loving fingers. The great carved door stands open. Enter the old-fashioned hall, long and broad enough for a modern ballroom. It is filled with old mahogany, claw-fonced sofas and chairs, while from the walls various portraits of the General took down. A quaint, winding stairway leads heavenward, and on either side stretch those ward, and on either side stretch those superb rooms whose hospitable dimen-sions speak volumes of dead-aud-gone



JACKSON'S BEDROOM.

In the parlor the quaint old pinno, with its yellow keys, the bronze and gilt candelabra, the ormolu tables, the velvet curtains, the busts and portraits of Jackson, the rare bric-a-brac which would son, the rare bric-a-brac which would send a connoisseur mal with cestasy, all possess fascinating interest. The glamor of the past is over everything. In Jackson's bedroom still stands the typical four-post bed on which he died. The mantel in this room is a very good illustration of old-time design being of hickory, sedate and stately in shape and execution as were old-time manners.

The great mansion is literally crammed with the rarest relies, whose inswitchle

with the rarest relics, whose inevitable fate is the pawnshop unless these zealous Nashville women succeed in raising \$17,-000 within the next two years. The association has an option on the property which runs out in that time. The ladies hope by this ball both to secure a part of this amount and to call public atten-tion to their cause.

Many historic gowns appeared at this

ball, among others one worn by beautiful Emily Donelson, Jackson's niece, at the court of Berlin in 1846, when her huscourt of Berlin in 1846, when her hus-band was Minister. It is of pink bro-cade, lavishly adorned with lace and pos-sessing a superb court train. Another is the wedding dress of Mrs. Srah Jack-son, wife of the General's adopted son. She was Miss Yorke, a Philadelphia belle, and went to the altar in an exquisite robe of white silk with embroidered tulle draperies. This costume has been worn

posed at the last moment to save the monuments of our country's history. Andrew Jackson belonged not to a section or party; the nation claims him as one of its great men and famous warriors.
The nation, by its encouragement and aid, should stretch a hand to the few who are fighting to save from decay the home of one who fought for his country and served her interests on the field and in the State.—New York Recorder.

A Monster Dam.

The great dam recently constructed at The great dam recently constructed at Bectaloo, Australia, is said to be one of the largest works of the sort in the world. The structure is of concrete, 110 feet high from the bed of the creek to the top of the dam, and 580 feet long, being curved in the plan of a radius of about 1400 feet, the profile of the section being designed in accordance with Rankine's rules, and the width of the section at the foundation is 110 feet; the crest of the by-wesh below the crest which is 200 feet wide, is five feet below the crest of the dam, and the recervoir bewhich is 200 feet wide, is five feet below the crest of the dam, and the reservoir be-tween the dam at its full is one and one-fourth miles long, with an average width of eight chains. The capacity, under these conditions, is 800,000,000 gallons for the supply of a district cover-ing an area of 1700 square miles, in-cluding eight separate townships, etc. The quantity of concrete used was 60,-000 cubic yards, the net time occupied in construction being about two and in construction being about two and one-half years. Special machinery was used for mixing the concrete and depositing it in place, and the whole work is regarded as a most creditable achievement.—New Orleans Picayune.

Why the Dog Is There

An express wagon passed by. On the end of the seat where the driver was there was painted the picture of a dog guarding a safe. One man on the corner asked his friend why a dog's picture was nearly always on or near the picture of a safe. Then he told him. A long time ago the safe was nothing more than an iron box. It had none of the scientific attachments which one sees in banks and business houses to-day. The key of the great box was generally as heavy as the box. That is in proportion. It was sometimes used as a weapon. As the iron boxes had no security but the ordinary locks, bankers took to leaving dogs tied to the boxes at night. Then it was found necessary to have the dogs trained. This the bankers did not always have time to do, even if they had known how. The result was that the manufacturers took to dog farming. These dogs were trained in the business of guarding the iron boxes, and at one time it was the custom tor the manufacturer to furnish a dog with each safe. And the two became inseparable. That is why you see the picture of a dog so often wherever you see the picture of a safe. And that is also why you see a dog so often perched on the seat with the driver of an express wagon which delivers money packages.—Chicago Tribune. An express wagon passed by. On the end of the seat where the driver which delivers money packages.—Chi-cago Tribune.

Three hundred and thirteen places are licensed for stage plays in the kingdom.

Dr. H. C. Yarrow gives a wonderful description of the famous "Towers of Silence," in which the Parsees of India Silence," in which the Parsecs of Indisbury their dead. These towers are erected on the top of Malabar Hill in Bombay, and are approached by a road which is barred by strong iron gates against all except Parsees. The garden is beautifully kept and filled with flowering shrubs and palm trees. Fvo in number are the towers, built of black granite, about forty feet in diameter and twenty-five feet in height. The oldest and smallest of them was built about 200 years ago, when the Parsees first settled in Bombay, and is used only for a certain family. A sixth tower of square shape stands alone, and is only used for criminals. nals.

Though wholly destitute of ornament

the parapet of each tower possesses an extraordinary coping, which instantly attracts and fascinates the gaze. It is a coping formed not of stone, but of living vultures. These birds are ordinarily seen ranged side by side in perfect order and in a complete circle around the para-pet of each tower, with their heads pointing inward. So motionless are they white resting from their hidious banquets that they might be imagined to be carved out of the stonework. Within carved out of the stonework. Within the parapet of each tower is a sort of floor divided into seventy-two compartments, with a well in the middle. These compartments are arranged in concentric rings, separated from each other by narrow ridges of stone, which are grooved so as to act as channels far conveying all moisture from the receptacles into the well and to the drains below.

No one is allowed to enter the towers except the corpse bearers, nor is any one permitted within thirty feet of the immediate precuests. Of a typical Parsee

mediate precincts. Of a typical Parsec funeral Mr. Monier Williams writes as



TOWERS OF SILENCE.

While engaged in conversation near the towers a sudden stir among the vul-tures made us raise our heads. At least a hundred birds collected around one of the towers began to show symptoms of excitement, while others swooped down from neighboring trees. The cause of this sudden abandonment of their previous apathy soon revealed itself. A funeral was seen approaching. However distant the house of a deceased person, whether rich or poor, the body is always carried to the towers by the official corpse bearers, the mourners walking behind.

"The funeral I witnessed was that of "The funeral I witnessed was that of a child. The body was wrapped in a white sheet and placed in a metal trough. When the two corpse bearers reached the path leading by a steep incline to the door of the tower the mourners turned back and entered one of the prayer houses. The two bearers unlocked the door of the tower, reverently conveyed the body of the child into the interior, and unseen by any one laid it uncovered and unseen by any one laid it uncovered in one of the stone receptacles nearest the central wall. In the outermost circle of the stone receptacles are placed the bodies of males, in the middle circle those of females, and in the inner circle

rearest the well those of children.

"Presently the bearers reappeared with the empty trough and white cleth, and scarcely had they closed the door when a dozen vultures swooped down upon the body, rapidly followed by others. In five minutes more we saw the ers. In five minutes more we saw the satisted birds fly back and lazily settle down upon the parapet. They had left nothing behind but a skeleton. In a fortnight or so the bearers returned, and ortingition so the bearers returned, and with gloved hands and implements resembling tongs, placed the dry skeleton in the central water. There the bones find their last resting place, and there the dust of many generations of Parsees commingling is left undisturbed for centuries."

The First Woman Preacher.

Anne Hutchinson was the first woman Boston, Mass., from England in 1634, and being admitted to membership in the church, she began the advocacy of doc-trines, which carried with them her commission to preach. In 1637 a synod of the church was called at Newtown, Mass., and her views being condemned as erron-cous, she was, after two days' trial sen-tenced to banishment from Massachusetts. The first woman ordained in the United States was Antoinette Brown Blackwell. She was the first woman theological stu-dent that graduated from Oberlin College. At the time of her ordination, thirty-eight years ago, she was pastor of the Church of "South Butler and Savannah, New York State.—Detroit Free Press."



A French court has decided that the Pope is a sovereign, and entitled to hold property in France just as any other sovereign. The wife of the Postmaster Gen-

What Climate, Neglect and Want of the Proper Medicine Will Do.

There are some things which are as sure as fate and can be relied on to occur to at least one half of the human family unless means are taken to prevent: First, the climate of winter is sure to bring colds, second, colds not promptly cured are sure to cause catarrhy third, Catarrh, improperly treated, is sure to make life short and miserable. Catarrh spares no organ or function of the body. It is capable of destroying sight, taste, smell, learing, digestion, secretion, assimilation and excretion. It pervades every part of the human body—head, throat, stomach, bowels, bronchial tubes, lungs, liver, kidneys, bladder, and sexual organs. Catarrh is the cause of at least one-half of the ills to which the human family is subject. Is there no way to escape from it? There is, Perruna never fails to cure a cold. Perruna never fails to cure catarrh in the second stage in nine cases out of ten. Peruna cures catarrh in the second stage in nine cases out of ten. Peruna cures catarrh in the second stage in nine cases out of ten. Peruna cures catarrh in its last and worst stages in the majority of cases, and never fails to benefit every case, however bad. Peruna also cures La Grippe with unfailing certainty. A book on the cure of La Grippa and Catarrh in all stages and varieties sent free to any address by The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

The first comp'ete Italian translation of eral is her own housekeeper, and when it is remembered that her duties include the management of when it is remembered that her duties include the management of four homes, some appreciation of the systematization which accomplishes such management may be experisenced, writes Alice Graham McCollin in an interesting sketch of Mrs. John Wanamaker in the Ladies' Home Journal. One of these homes is in Philadelphia, where the family spend the early winter, the months of November and December. The rest of the winter season is given to Washington, where they have a second beautiful home. The summer is divided between "Lindenhurst," a magnificent house and estate about fifteen miles from Philadelphia, and "Lilenmyn Cottage," a smaller country house at Cape May Point, which gets its rather peculiar but entirely original name, from the diminutives of the daughters of the house—Lilliu and Minete (Pick). The first comp'ete Italian translation of Poe's poems will be published in Romenext month.

tirely original name, from the diminutives of the daughters of the house—Lillie and Minnie. The house in Washington contains a fine art gallery, which must be taken as an evidence of its mistress' devotion to fine painting and statuary. For dramatic representations Mrs. Wanamaker cares little, but music, in the form of either concert or opera, finds her always a delighted and attentive listener. She is a most enthusiastic Wagnerite, explaining her love for this school of music by her inheritance of German blood from her mother. As mercury will surely destroy the sonse of smell and completely derange the whole system whon entering it through the miscons surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physical control of the product of In appearance she is most pleasing, Her face, though not strictly beautiful, is a most charming and delightful one, and her expression while usually grave and preoccupied, is constantly broken by smiles, which FITS stopped free by DR. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORRE. No Fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and 32 trial bottle free. Dr. Kline, 331 Arch St., Falla., Pa. stantly broken by smiles, which brighten her gray eyes and display a charming mouth of beautiful teeth. charming mouth of beautiful teeth. She is of medium height, and weighs perhaps one hundred and forty pounds. Her figure is plump and pretty, and her gowns, which are usually gray, black or dark purple in color, always fit it perfectly. Her hair is brown, and by its utter absence of gray tries still further with her amearance to general the feature. Under the rose-The Thorn.-Puck.

sence of gray tries still further with her appearance to conceal the fact of her grandmotherhood. She wears it twisted high on her head, and in a light curly wave over her brow.

She is most generous and kind to her friends, of whom she has a great number, and is fond of taking them with her on trips and journeys of great and small length, always entirely at her own expense. They are never given an opportunity to spend any money on these occasions, but also, they are never allowed to see or feel the cost of their entertalnment. It is perhaps characteristic of her, that her generosities, like her duties, that her generosities, like her duties, are accomplished quietly, unostentatiously, far from the sight of men, but that they are all performed, both duties and charities, her happy busy life, and the number of people who call her blessed, are evidence.

"THE battle is not always to the strong," said the judge as he awarded the butter premium at a country fair.

Look Out.

A lurking unlady is abroad which comes fike a thief in the night, stealthily, and it is a unubering its victims by chousants. Men to be out in the air. But it must be remembered that the air is charged with excessive moisture, which penetrates and chills. The crip has become so endemic that whole communities are prostrated. A peculiar feature of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the company of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the company of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the company of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the company of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the company of the malady is that all sea affected have reserved in the malady is that all sea affected have under the malady of the reserved in the complaints, whether transient or cronds for years, for which is the control of the company of the age.

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